

Kansas AGITATOR

Devoted to the interests of

THE MASSES.

A Fearless, Aggressive, Progressive
Advocate of All Reforms.

W. O. CHAMPE, Editor.

J. M. ALEXANDER, } Assoc'te Ed's.
W. H. AMBROSE, }

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Local edition, per year, - - \$1.00
Foreign edition, " - - - 50

K. R. P. A.



THE DRIFT OF PLUTOCRACY.

That eminent plutocratic journal, the Inter Ocean, is showing a hand rather early in the game. It says that "public men" hold that liberty must be destroyed in order to preserve civilization.

We have the impression that liberty and civilization go hand-in-hand, but our "public men" seem to have discovered that liberty is not a part of civilization. We infer that "public men" are of the opinion that wealth in the hands of a few heartless robbers constitutes civilization, and that the right of the masses to vote and hold their earnings is liberty. If our inference is right, the position of "public men" is as false as hell, and more to be dreaded.

The development of wealth is the basis of civilization. Africa is richer in natural wealth than any other country on earth, but is lower in civilization.

The laborer develops wealth. America is highest in civilization because of the liberty of her people; and when we say liberty, we mean not only governmental privileges, but moral, mental and physical culture. Without the means that wealth affords, liberty results in anarchy.

The people of Africa have abundant liberty, but no morals, and little mental advancement. In Russia, the masses are industrious, but, as the fruit of their labor is absorbed by the ruling classes, their moral and mental condition is little above that of the people of Africa, and their misery, from poverty, is fully

as intense as the uncivilized Africans.

Too little government on the one hand, and too much on the other, produce the same results, viz., barbarism. Africa under governs, and Russia over-governs.

Under the infernal sway of plutocracy, the masses are drifting into Russian barbarism, and the "public men" propose, as a remedy, a plutocratic despotism, when it is clear to any thinking man that the remedy, and the only remedy, is to destroy the power of capital to degrade the masses.

The masses of working people must be fed, clothed, housed and educated. Not only must the mind be developed, but moral sentiments, also, must be cultivated; but it cannot be done so long as the employer can force the employee to take starvation wages or produce a condition of enforced idleness. No employment, or wages not commanding a competency, will bring on semi-barbarism, as sure as fate. No power on earth can prevent it.

We have come to the parting of the ways. Not only is the liberty of the masses menaced, but civilization hangs in the balance.

The work of rebuilding the grand edifice erected by our fathers begins now, and there are only two parties in existence. The one is for a plutocratic despotism and semi-barbarism, and the other is for the masses and a higher civilization. Thanks to the Inter Ocean, we know where to find the men who have arrayed themselves on the side of corporate wealth. We know now, as we have all along suspected, that there is a wide-spread conspiracy to destroy not only American liberty, but also American civilization. We now know the enemies of all that is noble and pure in American manhood and womanhood, and, knowing our enemies, and the enemies of our children and children's children, we shall fight them to our last breath, or till we win success.

There can be no compromise. Either plutocracy must go, or the masses must go into serfdom. He that is not convinced is blind, indeed; and he whose lot falls necessarily among the lowly, and aids plutocracy, cannot know what he is doing. Self-interest—every Heaven-born impulse—impels resistance to any further encroachment of the greedy robbers who would swallow the best fruits of human effort—who would sink man's highest civilization—who would destroy the best of governments, and who would reduce to ignorance, crime and pauperism the noblest of the human race.

Send us a dime and get a "Keep-Off-the-Grass" badge. It's a daisy.

STRIKE at the ballot-box.

If you want a daily paper that stands up in defense of the masses, you cannot do better than to send for the Chicago Times. "Duke" Pullman gets it in the neck every time the Times strikes. It also contains complete reports of what the strikers are doing. The Times costs you, daily and Sunday, 55 cents per month.

We have received another song, with music by R. D. Scott, the blind musician. This song is entitled, "Down on the Street of Wall," and is published by J. R. Bell, 611 Main street, Kansas City, Mo. Here is the chorus:
Down on the Street of Wall
They buy and sell us all.

The "Bulls" they bellow, the
"Bears" they dance,
While England fiddles the tune
from France,
And the poor man wears something
on his pants—
The badge of the Street of Wall.

The price of this song is 40 cents.

The Lyon county Prohibition convention, at Emporia, passed the following resolutions regarding the great strike:

* * * "We further declare, as touching these labor troubles, our deep sympathy with the great army of strikers being daily thwarted in their rights and just demands; that no corporation that reduces the wages of labor before it reduces the dividends on its capital or the salaries of its officials, as have the Pullmans, is entitled to any sympathy from the public.

"Resolved, further, that we cheerfully endure any hardships that this disaster may bring upon us until all wrongs be properly righted."

Paola has some energetic thinkers and some statesmen who should not be left to waste their sweetness on the desert air. They have recently made a discovery. It is that the Populists are alike responsible for the strikes and the Coxeyites. They have also discovered that every agitator should be compelled to shut up or go to jail. They have also evolved the heretofore unknown definition that anyone not denouncing the Populists with or without cause is an anarchist. Such great gob of newly-discovered wisdom-promulgators should not go unrewarded. Cranks there may be in the People's party, but if Paola can't furnish more cranks than any rural Populist district in the state, we'll chew our hat for sausage.—Paola Times.

The average Republican has no recollection farther back than Governor Lewelling's election. All the rotten stealing, sending to the pen, and skipping the country, has been obliterated from their minds in their mad rush to regain the offices.—Agra (Kas.) News.

IVORY



FOR CLOTHES.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE CO., CLEVELAND.

The anarchists and foreigners who have been imported into this country under contract by manufacturers are now taking advantage of the present strike, and are burning and destroying property. Manufacturers who have prated for protection, on the plea of protecting the American laborer, have, under contract, brought into this country the element which is now making it necessary to guard cities with soldiers. They are responsible for the present trouble as every one must admit who will look below the surface for a cause. The manufacturers have grown rich and arrogant, while the American laborer has sunk to the level of the peasants of Europe. Shame to the paper which advocates protection to millionaire manufacturers, while they import paupers in order to obtain cheap labor.—People's Advocate.

The pig-headed idiot who is always condemning the laborers of the land declares that there are no unemployed who wish to work. In the next breath they condemn the strikers, and declare that the companies can get all the men needed to move the trains if the strikers would not interfere. One man said: "If the telegraph operators strike, their places can be filled at once." Is it possible there are so many men of that calling idle?—People's Advocate, Pittsfield, Ill.

July seems to be a month in which great things transpire. On July 4th our independence was declared. On July 6th, '92 was the great Homestead riot which forever settled the Pinkertons. The 4th this year was ushered in in the midst of the greatest strike on record. What will another Fourth usher in? Who can predict?—People's Advocate.